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SUBJECT: THIRD MEETING OF IEA SUBGROUP ON ENERGY R & D

MARCH 20, 1975

1. GROUP APPROVED PROPOSED GOVERNING BOARD DECISION ON (A) IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS ON WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION, MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE UTILIZATION, AND HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FROM WATER.(THESE ACTIVITIES START WITH INFORMATION EXCHANGES), (B) DESIGNATION OF COAL TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR SAFETY, AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AS AREAS OF PRIORITY INTEREST, (C) REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF DETAILED PROGRAM PROPOSALS ON ACTIVITIES IN (B) TO GOVERNING BOARD BY JUNE 30, 1975, (D) SUBMISSION OF R & D PROPOSALS ON FUSION, CONSERVATION R & D, AND SOLAR ENERGY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND (E) SUBMITTING GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR R & D COOPERATION FOR BOARD APPROVAL BY 30 JUNE 1975. GOVERNING BOARD LATER IN DAY APPROVED THIS DECISION.

2. GROUP RECEIVED REPORT OF MAY 13 MEETING COAL EXPERTS WHICH PROPOSED (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF COAL RESOURCE INTERNATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE (IN UK) AND DATA BANK (IN US), (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF MINING TECHNOLOGY CLEARING-HOUSE AND CONSIDERATION OF 4 AREAS OF COLLABORATION: (1) RELIABILITY, SAFETY, AND MAINTAINABILITY OF MINING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS, (2) AUTOMATION AND REMOTE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, (3) EFFECT OF UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING ON ENVIRONMENT, (4) SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF MINING ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF MEN AND MANAGEMENT, (C) CONSTRUCTION OF \$15 MILLION FLUIDIZED COMBUSTION TEST BED IN UK MOST LIKELY IMPLEMENTED BY ESTABLISHING A CONSORTIUM, AND (D) LATER ESTABLISHMENT OF COAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SERVICE AND TECHNICAL ECONOMIC STUDIES ON EXTRACTION COSTS, CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE OF PRODUCTS IN END USE. CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT-KUESTER URGED NATIONAL COMMITMENTS ON COAL GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REQUESTED COAL GROUP MEET AGAIN PRIOR TO MAY 7 TO FORMULATE DETAILED PROPOSALS ON MINING TECHNOLOGY AND FLUIDIZED BED FACILITY INCLUDING SEVERAL POSSIBLE FINANCING SCHEMES FOR LATTER.

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3. COAL EXPERTS DISCUSSED NEED TO OBTAIN DATA FROM NON-OECD COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SOUTH AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA. SUCH DATA MAY INCLUDE BOTH COAL RESOURCE INFORMATION AS WELL AS DATA ON COAL CONVERSION PROCESSES NOW USED ON PRODUCTION SCALE IN SOUTH AFRICA. REQUEST MENTIONED TO GOVERNING BOARD BY SCHMIDT-KUESTER. BOARD INDICATED IT WOULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON ANY COOPERATION WITH NON-IEA OECD COUNTRIES AND NON-OECD

COUNTRIES AT LATER DATE.

4. DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT R & D CONCERNED WITH GEOLOGIC DISPOSAL AND WASTE CONDITIONING TO BE READY EARLY MAY.

5. CONSERVATION R & D GROUP REQUESTED CLASSIFY ITS ACTIVITIES INTO SECTORS SUCH AS BUILDINGS, TRANSPORTATION, AND INDUSTRY AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DIFFICULTIES OF R & D COOPERATION INVOLVING COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

6. ITALIANS SUGGESTED IEA SHOULD SPONSOR PERIODIC GEOTHERMAL EXPERTS MEETINGS TO DISCUSS PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF NATIONAL BILATERAL AND OTHER MULTILATERAL GEOTHERMAL R & D ACTIVITIES. US DEL SUPPORTED ITALIAN SUGGESTING NOTING SUCH MEETINGS COULD LATER LEAD TO COOPERATIVE R & D UNDER IEA AUSPICES. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED ITALY TAKE LEAD IN THIS AREA AND

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MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO R & D SUBGROUP AT ITS JUNE MEETING.

7. SUBGROUP UNDERTOOK FIRST READING OF DRAFT GOVERNING BOARD DECISION ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR R & D COOPERATION WITH ANNEX ON INFORMATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. THESE PAPERS PREPARED BY US, UK, FRG AND SECRETARIAT AT MARCH 18, 19 MEETING IN LONDON AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO DELEGATIONS UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE MEETING. EXCEPT FOR REQUESTED CLARIFICATIONS OF LANGUAGE LEADING TO SOME NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS OF TEXT THERE WERE NO CRITICISMS OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES. JAPANESE DEL INDICATED SOME CONCERN ABOUT EFFECT OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON EXISTING AND FUTURE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

8. NO DISCUSSION FEASIBLE ON ANNEX BECAUSE OF ITS TECHNICAL/LEGAL NATURE AND INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR ANALYSIS. IN VIEW OF DIFFERENT APPROACHES BY US VS. UK AND FRG ON TREATMENT OF INFORMATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN COOPERATIVE R & D COMMERCIAL INTEREST AS EVIDENCED IN MARCH 18, 19 LONDON MEETING, WE EXPECT SOME DIFFICULTY IN ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS ON ANNEX AND HARD BARGAINING WHEN NEGOTIATING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS COVERING ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST.

9. CHAIRMAN INDICATED SECRETARIAT WILL REVISE DRAFT OF

GUIDING PRINCIPLES BY APRIL 5 AND REQUESTED DELEGATION
COMMENTS TO SECRETARIAT PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING OF SUB-
GROUP MAY 7.

10. NEXT MEETING IN PARIS ON MAY 7.
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